

Empty Promises for the International Climate Treaty”. Testimony was heard from Katie Dykes, Deputy Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and Chair, Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, Inc.; and public witnesses.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION TO REVIEW THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NATIONAL ENERGY LABORATORIES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Recommendations of the Commission to Review the Effectiveness of the National Energy Laboratories”. Testimony was heard from TJ Glauthier, Co-Chair, Commission to Review the Effectiveness of the National Energy Laboratories; Jared Cohon, Co-Chair, Commission to Review the Effectiveness of the National Energy Laboratories; and a public witness.

CONTINUING CHALLENGES FOR SMALL CONTRACTORS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Contracting and Workforce held a hearing entitled “Continuing Challenges for Small Contractors”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHOICE CONSOLIDATION: ASSESSING VA’S PLAN TO IMPROVE CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Choice Consolidation: Assessing VA’s Plan to Improve Care in the Community”. Testimony was heard from Sloan Gibson, Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

EXAMINING VA’S ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AND APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing entitled “Examining VA’s On-the-Job Training and Apprenticeship Program”. Testimony was heard from Andrew Sherrill, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Major General Robert M. Worley II, USAF (Ret.), Director, Education Service, Veterans Benefit Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Eric Seleznow, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor; and a public witness.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a business meeting to consider changes to the Committee’s rules. The Committee’s rules were successfully adopted, as amended.

Joint Meetings

ADVANCING THE AMERICAN DREAM

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine millennial voices on advancing the American dream, after receiving testimony from Representative Stefanik; Jared Meyer, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, New York, New York; and Jennifer Mishory, Young Invincibles, Washington, D.C.

DRIVE ACT CONFERENCE

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 22, an act to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, but did not complete action thereon.

EVERY CHILD ACHIEVES ACT CONFERENCE

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. 1177, to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, November 19, 2015.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Alissa M. Starzak, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, Franklin R. Parker, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, John Conger, of Maryland, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary, and Stephen P. Welby, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider S. 329, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Farmington River and Salmon Brook in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 556, to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, S. 782, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a bison management plan for Grand Canyon National Park, S. 1583, to authorize the expansion of an existing hydroelectric project, S. 1592, to clarify the description of certain Federal land under the Northern Arizona Land Exchange and Verde River Basin Partnership Act of 2005 to include additional land in the Kaibab National Forest, S. 1694, to amend Public Law 103-434 to authorize Phase III of the Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project for the purposes of improving water management in the Yakima River basin, S. 1941 and H.R. 2223, bills

to authorize, direct, expedite, and facilitate a land exchange in El Paso and Teller Counties, Colorado, S. 1942 and H.R. 1554, bills to require a land conveyance involving the Elkhorn Ranch and the White River National Forest in the State of Colorado, S. 2046, to authorize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to issue an order continuing a stay of a hydroelectric license for the Mahoney Lake hydroelectric project in the State of Alaska, S. 2069, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to modify provisions relating to certain land exchanges in the Mt. Hood Wilderness in the State of Oregon, S. 2083, to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project, H.R. 373, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture to expedite access to certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of each Secretary for good Samaritan search-and-recovery missions, H.R. 1324, to adjust the boundary of the Arapaho National Forest, Colorado, and the nominations of Suzette M. Kimball, of West Virginia, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, and Victoria Marie Baecher Wassmer, of Illinois, to be Under Secretary, John Francis Kotek, of Idaho, to be an Assistant Secretary (Nuclear Energy), and Cherry Ann Murray, of Kansas, to be Director of the Office of Science, all of Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy, to hold hearings to examine democratic transitions in southeast Asia, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine human trafficking, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the impact of ISIS on the homeland and refugee resettlement, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 247, to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, and S. 1318, to amend title 18, United States Code, to pro-

vide for protection of maritime navigation and prevention of nuclear terrorism, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled "Advancing the Science and Acceptance of Autonomy for Future Defense Systems", 10:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "U.S. Public Health Preparedness for Seasonal Influenza: Has the Response Improved?", 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled "The Disrupter Series: The Fast-Evolving Uses and Economic Impacts of Drones", 10:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Financial Stability Oversight Council: Due Process and Transparency in Non-Bank SIFI Designations", 9:15 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled "The Goldman Act to Return Abducted American Children: Ensuring Administration Action", 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security, hearing entitled "The Syrian Refugee Crisis and Its Impact on the Security of the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program", 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Energy and Trade, hearing entitled "Improving Size Standards for Small Farmers and Ranchers", 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Conference: meeting of conferees on S. 1177, a bill to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves, 10 a.m., HVC-201AB.